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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:MARR, US, MO

SUBJECT: STATUS OF GEODSS PROJECT

1. THE GEODSS CONTRACT IS SCHEDULED TO BE AWARDED ON 22 MAY 78. BASED UPON THE KING'S AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE AS WELL AS THE USAFE SITE SELECTION SURVEY, MOROCCO WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE SECOND OVERSEAS SITE--SPECIFICALLY BEN GUERIR AB.

2. DOD IS CONCERNED BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN NO GOM RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED MOU TO DATE AND THERE ARE POTENTIALLY SEVERE CONTRACTUAL RAMIFICATIONS IF GOM DECIDES NOT TO AUTHORIZE GEODSS SUBSEQUENT TO THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT. DELAY IN CONTRACT AWARD HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE BECAUSE THE SAME CONTRACT COVERS ALL FIVE GEODSS SITES, AND THEREFORE THE INITIAL OPERATIONAL DATE FOR THE SYSTEM WOULD SLIP. DOD DESIRES TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION, IF POSSIBLE.  
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CORPS OF ENGINEER PERSONNEL WILL NEED TO BE IN-COUNTRY 90 DAYS AFTER THE CONTRACT AWARD TO OBTAIN SOIL SAMPLES AND PRECISE SURVEY DATA. CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL WILL ALSO NEED TO VISIT COUNTRY ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS BEGINNING 120 DAYS AFTER CONTRACT AWARD. PLEASE GIVE YOUR JUDGMENT OF CURRENT MOROCCAN ATTITUDE TOWARD GEODSS AND YOUR RECOMMENDATION. VANCE

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